tabular statement of the Land Revenue paid by each of the various communities of the State is ready, and could be furnished with the leave of the Government. Will the Government be pleased to lay the same on the table of the House?

RAO SAHIB Mr. T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

A statement showing the information asked for is appended. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

A Thodu from Karingachira Puzha to the Padinjara Puzha in the C. K. Taluk.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR.

224. Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken in 1100 in the matter of the proposed *thodu* from Karingachira *puzha* to the Padinjare *puzha* in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

Reinforced concrete gauges were fitted up and readings taken, the result of which will be tabulated after the close of the north-east monsoon when they will be complete for one cycle. It is feared that, as the south-west monsoon of 1100 was an unusually light one, the readings taken may not be quite typical ones, and that they may therefore have to be continued for another year more, before reliable data could be got.

The condition of the roads in Kunnamkulam and Pazhanji.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

225. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) How long it has been since the Chief Engineer inspected the roads in Kunnamkulam and Pazhanji bazaar;

(b) Whether he knows that some of those roads have become useless for traffic; and

(c) Whether steps will soon be taken to repair and metal those roads?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

(a) The roads were last inspected by the Chief Engineer on 31st Karkadagam 1100.

(b) None of the eight roads comprising the Kunnamkulam Town roads can be described as useless for traffic, though they may not be in an ideal condition. It is very difficult to keep them in an efficient condition, as most of them are very narrow and very steep, making proper drainage impossible. Besides, both sides of the roads are lined with houses the inmates of

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which throw all sorts of rubbish into the drains and block them, so much so that side drains are in some places on a higher level than the road surface. Any attempt to improve the defects in drainage is objected to by the house owners. So, the townsmen themselves are chiefly responsible for the existing condition of these roads.

(c) Even if these roads are metalled, they cannot be maintained in an efficient condition, unless the townspeople co-operate with the P. W. D. in removing the defects referred to above. The Pazhanji bazaar road is a Panchayat road from the year 1926.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

May I know how many times the house owners have objected?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

During the maintenance season all the rubbish were cleared. They spoil them again. They always object to the improvement of the drain.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Was it some time back?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

During the last year.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

People are changing, as time is passing on.

PRESIDENT.

For better or for worse nobody knows.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

An enquiry must be made.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

We shall appoint a commission for that.

The extent of road in the Villages of Vallivattom and Padiyur.

Mr. O. R. CHUMMAR.

226. Will the Government be pleased to state

(i) How many miles of road there are now in the villages of Vallivattom and Padiyur;

(ii) Whether the Government have considered the necessity of constructing a road from Kattuchira to Olliyapuram-Mathilakam Ferry in Padiyur Village ;

(iii) How many petitions there were from the people for the purpose during the last six years ;

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